

Dreams Event on Table Rock Lake, which I have been proud to take part in as Congressman for Missouri's 7th District, is but one of many great programs they host to help veterans and children with disabilities. In 2021 at Fishing Dreams we took 107 veterans fishing including two that were over 100 years old. When I pull up at this annual event, JP Sell is one of the first faces I see and always with a big bright smile ready to volunteer for the day.

HONORING CURT G.
HOLLINGSWORTH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as the first Bahamian American elected to Congress, to honor and welcome Curt G. Hollingsworth as the newly appointed Consul General of the Bahamas in Miami.

Consul General Hollingsworth migrated to Miami when he was young, and he is a product of the Miami-Dade County Public School System. He graduated from Miami Carol City High School, and he received his Associates of Arts degree from Miami Dade Community College. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Educational Psychology from Cambridge University.

A native of West End Grand Bahama, Consul General Hollingsworth is a seasoned educator with nearly four decades of experience as a teacher, track and field and basketball coach, mentor, and administrator. He is known in the Marco City community as an activist with a mission towards the advancement of young people.

Mr. Hollingsworth has had the love and support of his caring wife, Caroline Hollingsworth, for more than 45 years. They are the proud parents of 5 children; 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Honorable Curt G. Hollingsworth as he returns to Miami as the Consul General of Bahamas.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN PETER
DEFAZIO

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BONAMICI Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the incredible service of the Dean of the Oregon delegation, Chairman PETER DEFAZIO. PETER has been a fighter and champion for the people of SW Oregon for nearly three decades. Like me, PETER grew up outside of Oregon but fell in love with the state and made it his home. PETER and I also share an alma mater—the University of Oregon. PETER has been fortunate to represent the campus for his tenure in Congress, helping to secure the success of the University for past and future generations.

PETER's district is home to some of the most beautiful natural treasures in the country, and he has spent his career fighting for the restoration and preservation of these wild spaces. He has also been one of the most committed

Congressional champions for animal rights and has personally rescued and cared for many animals. As Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, PETER has worked diligently to invest in infrastructure and in our people. Whether he's fighting to keep us safe with oversight of corporations, support for the U.S. Coast Guard, or by strengthening our roads and bridges, he puts people first. This is also reflected in the countless good-paying jobs he helped create with numerous infrastructure laws that center labor and the needs of working people.

As a co-founder of the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC), PETER made fighting for progressive and populist policies the foundation of his work. Even as he experienced political shifts and challenges, PETER never wavered from his core values. There is no other voice in Congress quite like PETER's; he says what he means and does what he says he'll do. His persistence in aviation safety led to a successful documentary film—and importantly to industry changes and standards that will keep the flying public safer for years to come.

Like many of us, I know PETER would not have been able to accomplish so much for his constituents over so many years without his dedicated staff in both Washington, D.C. and Oregon, and the support of his wife, Mymie Daut. I would like to add my thanks for their years of service and sacrifice. I congratulate my good friend and colleague on a well-deserved retirement and wish him the very best in his next chapter.

HONORING BRYAN MAGERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bryan Magers.

William Bryan Magers was born on June 15, 1947, in Springfield, Missouri. After graduating from Glendale High School, Bryan attended the University of Missouri. He served in the United States Army, and after completing military service he entered the world of real estate, joining 8 other realtors to form House of Brokers.

He started Bryan Properties in 1985 with the purchase of a house just west of Missouri State University. He began to build duplexes and single-family homes for rent, and by 1989 he was creating apartment communities. Bryan Properties really hit its stride in the 21st century: the company built University Suites, a 72-bed residential development at Drury University. It was awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-Platinum status by the U.S. Green Building Council; and it changed the face of student housing at Missouri State University by creating Bear Village, a 660-bed student community that features a variety of floor plans, all-inclusive billing, and premier amenities. That growth continues unabated. Today, the company has a diversified portfolio of market-based apartments, student housing, single-family homes and duplexes, hotels, and restaurants. Bryan Properties also offers comprehensive management services, delivered by its staff of dedicated long-term employees. This year, Bryan deliv-

ered the first public-private partnership in Missouri State University history, a 400-bed residence hall with parking, constructed on less than one acre of land. Heitz Hall also features retail space and a unified dining center.

Bryan Magers has been a success for nearly a half-century because he believes in improving the quality of life for people in his hometown, and giving back to his native Ozarks. Bryan is a philanthropist with myriad causes close to his heart. He is a generous patron to the arts community, with donations to Springfield Little Theatre and the Springfield Symphony. He supports Missouri State University's athletic programs. His donations have created a new courtyard at the welcome center to Missouri State University. He also spearheaded the drive that created the Magers Family Health and Wellness Center, the state-of-the-art medical home for the Missouri State community.

Bryan has served as president and board member for the Greater Springfield Apartment & Housing Association, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Missouri State University Foundation and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. Bryan was honored with the Philanthropist of the Year award in 2016 from the Ozarks chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. In 2022, Bryan Properties received the Founders Award from the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. Bryan's only failure in life was as a Little League Umpire. You see he called many of my games and I never agreed with any of his calls.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that Bryan Magers has a big heart. Ask anyone who knows him. He is a mentor, a motivator, an inspiration, and a benefactor. I am proud to call him my friend, and to honor him today.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF
RICHARD OBERMANN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a valued staff member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Richard "Dick" Obermann, who is retiring this month after 33 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Dick Obermann began his career in the House in 1990, as the Science Advisor for the Space Subcommittee on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. He was well qualified for the position, holding both a M.S.E. in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford and a B.S.E. and Ph.D. in Aerospace and Mechanical Sciences from Princeton University. Before working at the Committee, Dick worked on the technical staff at the MITRE Corporation and as a senior program officer at the National Research Council. Dick worked on space policy issues for his entire 33 years on the Committee, and he is generally regarded as one of the foremost space policy experts in the United States.

I was elected to Congress in 1992, and I began my service on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in that same year. I have known Dick Obermann for 30 years. During my time on the Committee, I